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# Respondent:

John's Landscaping Service 307 Dean Road Centreville, MD 21617

#### **Violations:**

§1224(a)(3) –Engaging in the business of applying a pesticide on the lands of another without having a license granted by the Department.

## Penalty:

Respondent signed a consent agreement in May 2022. In the agreement, Respondent agrees to the imposition of disciplinary sanctions which included a civil penalty of \$945.00

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- 1. John's Landscaping Service, ("Respondent") is a commercial business with an office located at 307 Dean Road, Centreville, Maryland 21617. Respondent does not hold a pesticide business license issued by the Delaware Department of Agriculture ("the Department").
- 2. John Lucas is the owner of John's Landscaping Service. Mr. Tomer does not hold a pesticide certification with Department.
- 3. The Pesticide Section of the Department ("Complainant,") is bringing this enforcement action against Respondent. Dustin Borntreger, ("Borntreger"), is employed as an Environmental Scientist III with the Department.
- 4. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Borntreger stopped to inspect the Respondent. Borntreger was on patrol in Kent County when he noticed two men applying a granular product to flower beds located at the Royal Farm with the address of 6 West Lebanon Road, Dover DE 19901. Upon arrival Borntreger presented his credentials and issued a notice of inspection to the respondent. Borntreger then checked the Salesforce database to see if the company working the site had a Pesticide Business License. The database showed that the Respondent did not have a Pesticide Business License. The granular product



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being applied at the site was Snapshot 2.5TG (EPA Reg. No. 62719-175). Borntreger then photographed the service vehicle bearing the name of the company and the Snapshot bags.

- 5. The Department reviewed the Case Activity Tracking System (CATS) for Johns Landscaping Service. Johns Landscaping Service was issued a Cease-and-Desist Order on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This Cease-and-Desist was issued in response to an inspection of the respondent for the same violation, lack of a pesticide business license.
- 6. Snapshot 2.5TG, EPA Reg. No. 62719-175 is a pesticide registered for sale and use in Delaware.

In the past 5 years, Respondent has no pesticide compliance violations with the Department.